

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application

#7 A/BM  
21-00

Petrus Cornelis Jozef BEENTJES

Serial No.: U.S. National Phase of Int'l Appln. No.  
PCT/NL98/00051, filed January 23, 1998

Filed: July 15, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STRIP-COATING A METALLIC STRIP-SHAPED  
SUBSTRATE WITH A PLASTIC BAND AND STRIP THUS OBTAINED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The application as filed includes amendments made during the International Stage. Thus, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application, by further amending the claims amended during the International Stage, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

Please amend the following claims.

Claim 2, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 4, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "Claims 3 or 4, characterised in that" to --Claim 3, wherein--.

Please add new Claim 14 as follows.

--14. Apparatus in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the means of conveying substrate, the contact roll, the means of casting, the cooling roll and the means of feeding and guiding are

R1-26  
A1  
SUB 27  
4-14

09341637 100399